UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# memorandum

DATE: 5/19/77

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SAC, HOUSTON (62-2115)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS OO: DALLAS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

On 5/17/77, Mr. LOUIS JOSEPH GUENTHER, 8826 Prichett, Houston, Texas (713-665-5622), appeared at the Houston Office of the FBI and advised as follows:

For many years he has kept silent concerning information he had received approximately ten days subsequent to the assassination of former President KENNEDY. Recently, however, he discussed this matter with GEORGE BUSH, former director of the CIA, who suggested he furnish this information to the FBI. Mr. GUENTHER emphasized he did not know whether there was any significance to this information but he felt it his responsibility to furnish it to the proper authorities.

He formerly was a customer at a Gulf service station, then located at LaBranch and Alabama Streets in Houston and operated by a (FNU) HALL and HALL's son, who were Deputy Sheriffs under former Sheriff "BUSTER" KERNS, then Sheriff of Harris County, Texas. Approximately a week or ten days after instant assassination, he was in this service station and was told by Mr. HALL that Sheriff KERNS knew who had perpetrated this assassination and that the plan had been "hatched in Texas" near the "three C's", meaning three towns in the state of Texas whose names began with the letter "C". In particular, he recalled that HALL named the town of Coleman, but he does not recall that the other two towns were identified.

Mr. GUENTHER stated this is the extent of his information concerning this matter. The above-mentioned service station no longer is in business and he has no idea where either of the former operators might be located.

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"BUSTER" KERNS was Sheriff of Harris County, Texas, for a number of years until approximately five years ago. It is inconceivable that this former law officer would have possessed pertinent information concerning this matter which would not have been furnished to the Bureau. Mr. GUENTHER suggested that KERNS certainly would have furnished any pertinent information "unless he was scared."

UACB, the Houston Division will conduct no additional investigation concerning this information.